

### Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A process for producing laminate coatings comprising the steps of:
  - a) taking a wet patterned or decorative paper impregnated with a melamine resin;
  - b) spreading particulate fine aluminum oxide (corundum) onto the still wet paper before drying to pre-treat said paper;
  - c) pre-drying or pre-condensing said paper;
  - d) applying in ~~a wet state~~ a covering layer of fibre material containing melamine resin onto said pre-treated paper; and
  - e) finally drying the whole, with the covering layer being transparent for viewing of the patterned or decorative paper.
2. (currently amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein said fibre material is ~~formed as a fibre fleece containing melamine resin.~~
3. (original) Process according to Claim 1, wherein aluminum oxide or corundum having a particle size of about 125  $\mu$ -m is spread on the decorative paper.
4. (original) Process according to Claim 1, wherein the density of the coated decorative paper after drying amounts to about 140 to 150 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
5. (original) Process according to claim 1, wherein the aluminum oxide is spread in a quantity of about 20 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
6. (original) Process according to claim 1, wherein the aluminum oxide is spread in a quantity of about 8 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
7. (previously presented) Process according to Claim 1, wherein said fibre material includes cellulose fibres.
8. (previously presented) Process according to Claim 1, wherein said fibre material includes glass fibres.